



Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
Regular Session

April 11, 2017 7:00 a.m.
Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Office

The Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Commission met in regular session on April 11, 2017. Present were Parks and Recreation Commissioners Gwynne Pitts, Ken Phelan, Marilyn Helzerman, Jon Michael Kowertz, and Eddie Bolaños; City staff Dave Miletich, Chuck Heisler, Jeroen Kok, Mary Loftin, Scott Brucker, Paula Rose, Sean Morgan, Stacy El Moussi, Tasha Lovell, and Karen Edwards; SPLASH students Andrew Graves, Erin Morrison and Emma Eakins

Commission Chair Pitts called the meeting to order.

Citizen Communication: None

Minutes:

Motion was made by Phelan and seconded by Kowertz to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 14, 2017 as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

Reports/Presentations:

SPLASH Program Presentation: El Moussi informed the Commission that SPLASH students met with various City and County leaders and toured their departments to learn about governmental responsibilities. This middle school group also works on service projects throughout the school year. Andrew Graves, Erin Morrison and Emma Eakins gave a summary of the projects they worked on and their final project, the BLAST Bash, on May 19 at Ron Tonkin Field. This event will be based on STEM activities for the 350 elementary students that attend BLAST. The Commission complimented the students on their accomplishments and presentation.

Supported Employment: Rose and Heisler gave the history of this program to the Commission. It began with one worker and was a successful pilot project. The personal relationships formed helped him grow more independent and build his skills. They added that Brian Schlottman assisted them with inclusion and accommodation logistics. There have been three positions at SHARC and three returning supported staff at Parks Maintenance. Most work three to four hours per day and start with a job coach shadowing them. When they are confident of their assigned duties, the job coach is released. This program has made a positive difference to both the workers and Parks staff. TVW Inc., Abilities at Work and Exceed are agencies that have placed workers in our department. Commissioner Pitts asked if this program should be better publicized. Miletich stated the trend is moving away from sheltered workshops to supported employment. He wants staff to present this program at the Oregon Recreation Parks Association annual conference so other agencies can be informed.

Local Option Levy: Miletich stated that the current levy provides \$2 million dollars to the Parks general fund budget. A video will be shown at the next meeting.

Community Center at 53rd Update – Miletich reported he is meeting with Assistant City Manager, Robby Hammond and Tom Arnold, Public Works Director, to discuss the timing of the project.

Director/Manager Update: Miletich stated that staff will participate in an Arbor Day project to plant nine trees in Shute Park on April 27.

There has been no decision made on the Chief Kno-Tah issue. Consensus of the Commission was against moving the statue to the Harvey's Marine site.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Commission considered approving the request to allow a fireworks display at six possible games from the Hillsboro Hops. The All-Star game added two dates for 2017. Motion was made by Helzerman and seconded by Phelan to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bolaños moved and Commissioner Helzerman seconded a motion to move the meeting to Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

The Regular Session meeting was reconvened at 8:10 am.

K.L. Wombacher updated the Commission on the LED Ribbon Board being installed on the right field fence. It will be connected soon and represents a \$400,000 investment by the Hops. They also have expansion plans to add additional office space, a catering kitchen and club space at Ron Tonkin Field. The Hops are working with their architect on a design that matches their needs and budget. The Commission will be updated as plans are finalized.

Wombacher updated the Commission on the new coaching staff and added they will have the first female trainer in Major League Baseball.

The Hops will host the Northwest League All-Star Fanfest July 29-31. Events include games for the whole family, a concert, homerun derby (with local high school players pitching and catching) and ending with the All-Star game. He added that ticket sales are good for the 2017 season.

Information Items:

South Hillsboro Public Open House – April 12 & May 10, 6-8pm Rosedale Elementary Cafeteria

Stickwork Sculpture Dedication – April 20, 5:30pm Orenco Woods Nature Park

Latino Cultural Festival – April 23, Noon – 5pm Civic Center Plaza

Cultural Arts Plan Public Meeting – 4 dates and locations in April

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Native Plant Sale – April 29, 8:30am – 4pm

There being no other business, Commission Chair Pitts adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST: _____

Chair